



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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February 2016 Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting:

March 11, 2016: Brent Walls, N9BA, will give a presentation on the National Traffic System and how it works. *(This meeting, along with all club meetings until June, will be at IVY Tech, building NMC, 50 West Fall Creek Parkway, North Drive, 4th floor Auditorium.)*

Highlights from the February Meeting:

Called to order at 7:30 by club president, David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were around 30 in attendance at the meeting.

David announced that the bus to the Dayton Hamvention has been reserved. The day trip will be on Saturday, May 21, with tickets for the bus running \$30 per person (same as last year). Tickets are on sale now. Note that the bus ticket does not include admission to the show. Hamvention tickets are on sale now via their web site at <http://hamvention.org/purchase-tickets/>

David announced that Field Day plans are under way. He also said that if the club wants to have a picnic this summer, he needs a volunteer to organize it. Jay Kraus, W9TC, reminded folks that the ARRL CW DX contest is the weekend of February 20 and 21, and that Tom Chance, K9XV, is planning on putting a Multi-2 station on the air for the contest, and they are in need of CW operators and loggers.

Steve Curtis, ND9C, announced that he has re-started a 220 net locally on the 224.98 repeater, on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. This repeater is linked to the 224.8 repeater in Indy, as well as the 224.88 repeater in Frankfort, and the 224.14 repeater (although the last

information received regarding the system was that this repeater was off the air for the time being).

Next, David introduced Dave Arland, of Arland Communications, who gave another great presentation on the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. He said there were over 170,000 people at the show, and that CES (now the Consumer Technology Association) is actually trying to slim the show down a bit. Dave's company produced 51 videos at the show, that had 3300 exhibitors. Dave said that more reporters cover CES than cover the Super Bowl. Ultra HD TV is the big thing this year again. LG is going to start selling 8K TVs soon. This is the next step above Ultra HD TV (4K). There are two stations in Las Vegas broadcasting in ATSC 3.0, which supports 4K transmissions. Dave spoke about how the transition from the current ATSC 1.0 to ATSC 3.0 (not backward compatible with ATSC 1.0) may be handled. He said the most likely scenario would be one local broadcaster would handle all ATSC 1.0 transmissions for the market. Then, the other broadcasters in the market would convert to ATSC 3.0. Dave said there is a new spectrum auction coming in March for ATSC 3.0 spectrum. Dave showed the latest generation of "rabbit ears" that was designed by our own Jim Rinehart, K9RU. (<http://www.terk.com/indoor-antennas/?sku=TRITVA>) Dave said there will probably be "Gateway" devices that will receive ATSC 3.0 and re-transmit in ATSC 1.0. This way, the consumer won't need to replace their TV immediately. Dave mentioned a product that was along the "Internet of Things" theme: A Samsung refrigerator with a camera inside so you can see what's in your fridge. Lastly, he said the "Best of the Best" at CES was a Chevy Bolt EV SUV (All Electric), available in the 2017 model year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Ham Radio News:

HELP NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Ham Radio Volunteers are needed in all the public served events that we support. These are:

May 7 - 500 Festival Mini Marathon
May 28 - 500 Festival Parade
Jun 4 - American Diabetes Tour-de-Cure Bike Ride
Aug 1 - Indy Air Race
Sep 10 - Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride
Oct 1 - Indianapolis Marathon in Lawrence
Nov 7 - Indianapolis Monumental Marathon

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PAST IRC PRESIDENT JERRY SKOLL, KC9DTB, SK

Jerry Skoll, KC9DTB, passed away on Saturday, February 13. The following is from Jerry's son-in-law:

My father-in-law, Jerry Skoll (KC9DTB), was admitted into the hospital back on 19-January. He was having some black out spells and was falling down. He had assumed it was a result of his getting a concussion on 1-January at a Fuel game when he was struck in the head by an errant hockey puck. Testing revealed that he had multiple myeloma (bone marrow cancer). We were informed on the afternoon of 12-February that the myeloma was too aggressive and the chemotherapy and 24/7 dialysis he has been on were not going to work and his body had taken all it can. The family made final preparations and took him off life support this past Saturday as was his wish.

He had his loving family at his side and we had to take comfort in the fact that his pain and suffering ended peaceably at 1:56pm on 13- February as he went to the Lord.

He loved his HAM buddies in the Indianapolis Radio Club and the commradery associated with always learning about amateur communications and volunteering for community events. In fact, he bought me a radio last year and I received my Technician ticket. We were planning on getting me involved in the Club.

Jerry will be remembered as a good son, brave soldier, faithful husband, loving father, doting grandpa, fearless sailor, impressive painter, tireless volunteer, and a great friend to many people around this vast planet.

I ask that you pray for him on his journey to the Great Architect and that you pray for G-ds peace to my wife (his daughter Tabitha Skoll Klem) and our family as we say goodbye to a honorable and respected man of faith.

Should anyone be interested in paying their respects the arrangements for later this week will follow below.

Sincerely,

Darren Klem (KG9HRM)

Arrangements:

Viewing:

Friday, February 19, 2016 4pm -8pm

(There will be a Rosary from 7:30p - 8:00p)

Weaver and Randolph Funeral Home - Danville

102 S. Indiana St, Danville, IN 46122

317-745-4411

Funeral Mass:

Saturday, February 20, 2016 11am

Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church - Danville

1005 W. Main St, Danville, IN 46122

317-745-4284

Burial:

Immediately following Mass

St. Malachy Parish West Cemetery

4461 US 136, Pittsboro, IN 46167

39°51'26.2"N 86°26'59.0"W

(more accurate)

Celebration:

Family and friends are invited back to Mary Queen of Peace for fellowship and refreshments after the burial. (Starting sometime between 1:00p and 2:00p.)

NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR EVENT IN FULL SWING

Throughout 2016, Amateur Radio will be helping the National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary. Hams from across the country will activate NPS units, promote the National Park Service and showcase Amateur Radio to the public.

This event is similar to the 100th anniversary celebration of the ARRL last year, with the W1AW/* stations, in that all NPOTA contacts will be confirmed via Logbook of the World (LoTW). Point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/NPOTA> for more information.

AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT GETS FAVORABLE REPORT

On a voice vote, the US House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology has sent the Amateur Radio Parity Act, [H.R. 1301](#), to the full House Energy and Commerce Committee with a favorable report for further consideration. The measure was among three bills the Subcommittee considered during a February 11 "markup" session. The Subcommittee is chaired by Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR).

"I'm optimistic that we can put the finishing touches on these bills in the weeks ahead and once again produce important, bipartisan legislation that protects consumers, small businesses, and access to the latest communications services," Walden said after the hearing.

For more information, point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-parity-act-gets-favorable-subcommittee-report>

HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

I have a new 3 500 tube that I would like to sell. I paid \$190 for it and I would be pleased to receive \$115 for it. I also have an unused MFJ Artificial Ground. I would like to receive around \$80 for the unit. (Prices reduced).

Newly listed item: Yaesu FRG 7 General Coverage Receiver, In excellent Condition.
\$175.00

Thanks, David Wilhelmus, WA9OUX

Contact : wilhelmusdavid@gmail.com

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MORE HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

Kenwood TM-G707 VHF/UHF mobile/base rig. 50W/10W/5W VHF and 35W/10W/5W UHF.

Asking \$100.00 (price reduced).

Contact w0lpq9@msn.com or 439-9421.

Bill Lambing, W0LPQ

Greenwood

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If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the February-March, 1953 *Amachewer*:

RADIO CLUB TRANSMITTER: Our plans for installing our new Viking II transmitter in the present club room at the Marine Armory have been changed because of reasons beyond our control. A recent increase in the Marine Corps activity has made it necessary for the commanding officer to retract his earlier agreement to permit the installation of our transmitter at the armory.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- February 27: Dugger Hamfest at Dugger Park, 8:00 am to noon. For more information, contact KB9QJY at onewjf@yahoo.com
- March 12: Terre Haute Hamfest and Computer Show at Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds <http://w9uuu.org/hamfest.html>
- April 9: Columbus Hamfest at Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, 8:00 am to noon. Go to <http://www.carcnet.net/> for more information.
- May 20 – 22: Dayton Hamvention <http://hamvention.org/>

2016 Officers:

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